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SUBJECT: RETURN OF MINISTER GOMEZ MORALES

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1. MINISTER GOMEZ MORALES RETURNED FROM THE U.S. SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, AND WAS MET BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF HIS MINISTRY, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ONE OF PRESIDENT PERON'S AIDES-DE-CAMP, A MEMBER OF OTHER OFFICIALS, NEWSMEN, AND MYSELF. I WAS INVITED TO MEET THE MINISTER AT PLANE-SIDE, ALONG WITH TWO UNDERSECRETARIES OF ECONOMY, THE AIDE-DE-CAMP, AND CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.

2. THE MINISTER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SEEING ME THERE TO MEET HIM, AND SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT HIS RECEPTION IN THE U.S. HAD GONE FAR BEYOND THE REQUISITES OF PROTOCOL. THE MINISTER SAID HE FELT THE VISIT HAD GONE VERY WELL AND HAD BEEN MOST USEFUL.

3. MINISTER GOMEZ MORALES HELD A SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT. HE TOLD THE REPORTERS HE WOULD NOT HAVE VERY MUCH TO SAY BECAUSE HE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO REPORT ON HIS TRIP

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TO THE PRESIDENT. HIS REMARKS DEALT BRIEFLY WITH SEVERAL

PRINCILA POINTS:

A) HE SAID THAT THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION WAS TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND PARTICIPATE IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM AND THE WORLD-WIDE CRISIS CREATED BY THE INCREASE IN PETROLEUM PRICES. HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS DEALT WITH AT THE IMF MEETING WAS THE REVALUATION OF GOLD. HE SAID THAT INCREASING WORLD LIQUIDITY BY REVALUATION OF GOLD WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNJUST REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. HE WOULD PREFER AN INCREASE IN SDRS. IN COMMENTING ON THE RECYCLING OF PETRODOLLARS, HE REMARKED THAT THE \$5 BILLION DOLLAR FUND SEEMED RATHER LOW, BUT HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE INCREASED. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE IDEA INCREASING THE SHARE OF IMF CAPITAL ALLOCATED TO THE PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES, REMARKING THAT THIS WOULD HURT THE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

B) THE MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND THE INTERAMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAD SIGNED A LOAN FOR \$11.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RIO NEGRO RIVER VALLEY. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT VERY SOON A CREDIT OF \$115 MILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE GRANTED TO SEGBA, THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY COVERING GREATER BUENOS AIRES. (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH AGENCY WOULD GRANT THIS LOAN). HE ADDED THAT HE FOUND IBRD VERY RECEPTIVE TO REQUESTS FOR FURTHER CREDITS FOR ARGENTINA AND THAT HE DISCUSSED A LOAN FOR GRAIN STORAGE SILOS AND FOR THE YACIRETA-APIPE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT.

C) WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE TRADE REFORM ACT, HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOME U.S. SENATORS TO WHOM HE HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND SOME WAY TO KEEP CERTAIN CLAUSES FROM BECOMING A DISRUPTIVE ELEMENT IN U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE ADDED THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BOTH LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE, ARE NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THE LAW.

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D) HE WAS ASKED IF HE HAD HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH LARGE U.S. FIRMS WHICH HAVE PROBLEMS IN ARGENTINA. HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT GONE TO THE UNITED STATES TO CARRY ON ANY KIND OF NEGOTIATION BUT THAT HE HAD LISTENED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF EXXON, ITT, AND CHASE MANHATTAN BANK. HE SAID THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED TO THESE COMPANIES THE INTEREST OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO PENDING PROBLEMS.

E) ON REMARKING ABOUT THE GENERAL IMAGE OF ARGENTINA IN THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID IT IS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE ARGENTINA'S IMAGE. HE SAID AT PRESENT THIS IMAGE IS DISTORTED BY A "CERTAIN SEGMENT OF THE U.S. PRESS" WHICH SELECTIVELY PRINTS NEGATIVE ARTICLES ABOUT ARGENTINA.

4. I PLAN TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE MINISTER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS TRIP.
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